

Dear Js,

5/15/74

Apologies for the ribbon. I've been meaning to change to another secondhand one that has to be blacker and will the next time I take in the hourly CBS news, our local outlet, with good volume, being CBS.

Particularly because of the special files project, the one I never get to, I do appreciate the time you took for your 5/11, here today, with enclosures the heads only of which I've scanned.

Because, as I have written you, Dick, who is ^{un}known to you, has gone for The Sayings of Chairman Richard, it is remotely possible I will phone you to see if you would be interested in doing it with local or out-there help in the form of paid students to rearrange The Transcripts by subject. It is my idea and under any other circumstances I'd be delighted to do it, but I want to write what I think othe wise will not be.

When he phoned me I suggested to Dick, who was their original publisher (Monocle) the Mavasky-Kitman crown. So, if they do not do, you would not really be second-fiddling.

Dick phoned me again this a.m. and will late tomorrow p.m., after a 3 p.m. meeting with them. It has to be fast, so I've spoken to someone at the local college about hiring (Dick to pay) students to get a slew of the reprints and cut and paste by subject. On this also I am to hear tomorrow p.m.

After cutting and pasting, the selections would be made and then xeroxes of the official edition used in facsimile. No word from WH or GPO on this here.

And where your knowledge would be so valuable, bracketed with previous noble Glisms.

(The two with which I think it should begin are his tell the truth only and I like hanging judges.

I'm taking a break after too much physical work in heat that was too much, all a.m. and into early p.m. after brisk (for me today) early a.m. walk. This walk bears on your psychomatic comment. I agree with you rather than the doctor and it is not really that I agree with you, I have believed it from the first and to the extent that I can believe it is responsible for the balance (continuing) problem. I have much more that could be causative to contend with than even you know. But what I did this a.m. was to walk fast upmountain to where I'd walked last year, with no problem except slight knee discomfort. After a paper-clipping rest, then outside for harder exertion. I'm coming out of it very well, which tells me that I have the physical capacity.

Thanks also for the Sony specs. With your note it is full enough answer. No word from Sussman, who has probably heard enough about the hex by now. However, on my Concords, I was able to get 6 hrs on 5" reels. They are not commercially common but they were then available and rewinding made it possible. It means very full reels.

Your analysis of the prospects is solid and the reasoning sound. In part of a sentence you get to what is in my mind, "... but in spite of much healthier reaction to the WH transcripts, I sense a great danger that the impeachment process is going to be perverted into a relatively easy way out..." (Where do you think I got some of my stuff?) This is my concern and I am willing to be Don Quixote on the chance of lancing it. If you add to this your absolutely unquestionable comments on the certainty of the economic prospects, something on which I began keeping files at the outset because I was sure of it then (and had to abandon because it was just too much), can you see for me added need, added inspiration and if less than in the past, determination? (I am really exceedingly and excessively weary.

You wrote before the Sup. Ct. decision in my spectro case. Bud set it up for them, as I suppose you saw from carbons of the past. However, I do not, ever, file an FPI suit in which a) I am not certain of the content and b) have to get side benefits sufficient to justify a negative decision. On the ex. sess. one, 2502-73, Lesar midday agreed to challenge the USDA, Silbert by name (famix liar?) to charge either Rankin or me with perjury. He is also going to look for financial support for appeal. We have a good record, no Bud interfering, and we now have even more and the ("liberal") judge has done some insane things. We may not get the materials sought, but unless I go to jail, there is no chance of losing.

If I win it could ruin a book!

Changing the damned ribbon has taken much more time that it is worth even if it had been a better one. I've had it on hand too long and it dried out. But those snaps made it possible.

If as you truly say the current situation robs those who have them of their savings, can you begin to imagine what it does to those who have none? I have been doing all the grocery shopping for a year and a half, so I have observed some of what has happened.

And, of course, feel it.

The open question is whether this in the end will work for Nixon. It can't work for anyone else except Ford, and if it works for him it does not and cannot work of us.

So, the situation will be approximately the same.

I see no prospect for material improvement, not for years, and then, I think history tells us, increased prices never go down and stay down.

If I see no solutions and no prospect of reforming those in need of it or anything else than can give immediate promise, I do see the need of trying to let people know whatever can at any time be useful.

Meanwhile, I'm beginning to feel the heat or what is possible, the season's first inversion, so I'd best clear and use the air conditioners.

Thanks much.

Best,

P.S. At a few minutes after I removed this from the machine I received a call from the representative of the foundation with the negative. It is over-extended because of an extra \$50,000 grant made earlier, on racism. If Bud had moved earlier...

The recommendation was favorable. It will be considered again at the next meeting, in September, but the way the country is going, will anyone have worth.